

ARKANSAS

WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



**Harvesting/Irrigating/Spraying/Applying Insecticides*

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RELEASED: September 04, 2000 3:00 p.m. - Temperatures were above normal with below normal rainfall. 7.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 73 percent very short, 24 percent short, and 3 percent adequate.

CROPS: Corn, rice, and sorghum harvest continued. Some dryland cotton fields were being defoliated. Farmers continued irrigating soybean fields and draining rice fields. Soybean fields continued to be sprayed for insects. Armyworm treatment continued in soybean fields and some pastures. Dryland crops were still showing stress, with conditions declining rapidly. Other activities included cutting and baling hay.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock were in fair condition. Supplemental feeding of hay was reported in several counties. Cattle were still being treated for flies and external parasites. Poultry producers continued losing birds due to extreme heat. Farmers continued to monitor flocks.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %					Condition % ¹				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM									
Turning Color	97	95	97	91					
Mature	90	74	74	52					
Harvested	59	32	20	23					
COTTON					2	17	30	43	8
Opening Bolls	59	30	52	39					
SOYBEANS					21	21	30	24	4
Bloomed	98	97	100	97					
Setting Pods	92	84	92	88					
Shedding	13	8	7	6					
RICE					1	5	21	53	20
Headed	97	92	99	99					
Ripe	42	22	na	na					
Harvest	8	2	16	10					
CORN									
Dent	100	98	na	na					
Mature	98	87	na	na					
Harvest	74	46	61	49					
ALFALFA					10	18	55	17	0
OTH. HAY					26	34	29	10	1
PASTURE					35	39	19	7	0

1/Many reports are received on Friday and may not reflect conditional changes due to weekend weather.

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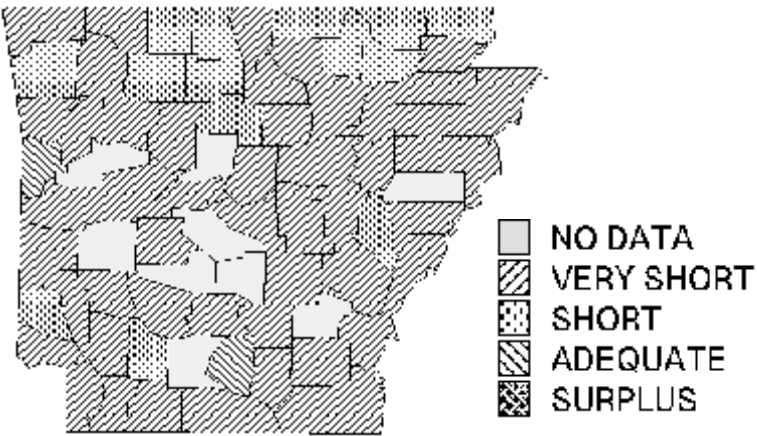
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

September3, 2000. The week was brutally hot with highs at or above the 100 degree mark all week. Average daily temperatures were 8 to 16 degrees above normal and rainfall was scarce. The high temperature of 114⁰ was reported at Hot Springs. The low of 61⁰ was reported at Gilbert. North Little Rock recorded the most precipitation at .68 inch. August 2000 was the hottest month on record at the North Little Rock National Weather Service and the 5th driest.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING September 3, 2000

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	WEEK ENDING SEP 03	CURRENT AUGUST ACCUM.	AUGUST NORMAL	JAN-JUL	
							2000	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	103	63	8	0.00	0.89	3.47	26.08	25.41
Harrison	103	69	14	0.00	0.00	3.06	24.05	26.45
2 Calico Rock	106	63	10	0.00	0.71	3.23	25.80	25.90
Evening Shade				na	0.00	3.48	0.00	26.99
Gilbert	110	61	11	0.00	0.02	2.89	23.86	25.53
Greers Ferry	107	71	14	0.08	1.03	3.57	24.27	29.93
Mountain Home	104	71	13	0.00	0.12	2.62	24.91	25.85
3 Batesville	106	69	10	0.00	0.61	3.46	20.25	28.09
Black Rock				na	0.00	3.36	0.00	27.77
Georgetown				na	0.00	3.33	0.00	30.72
Jonesboro	104	71	10	0.00	0.24	3.09	23.76	29.54
Keiser	105	69	12	0.00	0.75	3.22	26.14	30.99
Newport	106	72	12	0.00	0.79	3.91	20.05	30.35
4 Booneville	107	69	na	0.00	0.09	na	20.23	na
Clarksville	107	72	12	0.00	1.70	3.06	20.49	26.98
Dardanelle	109	69	11	0.00	0.00	3.25	20.48	28.03
Ft. Smith	109	69	11	0.00	0.00	2.92	17.82	24.04
Mena	104	65	8	0.30	1.33	2.85	25.54	32.17
Ozark	107	70	10	0.40	0.40	2.87	23.22	25.89
5 Hot Springs	114	76	14	0.20	2.31	3.35	27.15	35.03
N Little Rock	111	77	16	0.68	1.15	3.10	23.01	28.60
6 Augusta				na	0.00	3.92	0.00	29.54
Marianna	105	70	11	0.00	0.35	2.79	22.33	31.92
Stuttgart	105	71	11	0.00	0.34	2.81	25.20	30.18
7 Hope	108	69	10	0.00	0.06	4.01	25.52	31.12
8 Camden	108	70	10	0.00	0.00	3.08	28.69	30.80
El Dorado	110	71	12	0.00	0.10	3.04	29.13	31.28
9 Arkansas City				na	0.00	2.86	0.00	33.40
Eudora	108	70	11	0.00	0.36	2.76	35.08	34.08
Pine Bluff	104	74	10	0.00	0.71	3.08	23.29	31.39
Rohwer	104	70	10	0.00	0.00	2.79	32.45	33.13

na = data not available

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